A.—Sri R. M. PATIL (Minister for Development, Panchayat Raj and Co-operation).—

(*a*) No.
(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) Do not arise in view of reply at clause (*a*) above.

Pay Scales of Co-operative Extension Officers.

**Q.*—571. Sri P. VENKATAGIRIYAPPA (Kolar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they have promised to raise the pay scales of Co-operative Extension Officers to the Level of Industrial Extension Officers;

(*b*) whether any decision has been taken in the matter;

(*c*) if so, the details of the decision taken?

A.—Sri K. PUTTASWAMY (Minister for Co-operation and Housing) —

(*a*) There is a proposal before Government to raise the pay scales of Co-operative Extension Officers to the level of Industrial Extension Officers.

(*b*) No.
(*c*) Does not arise in view of reply at (*b*) above.

2-00 P.M.

Release of the Members of the M.E.S. Parties

Announcement

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have to inform the House that I have received a communication from the Commissioner of Police dated 2nd April 1966. It was received yesterday, in the afternoon at 2 P. M. It is to the effect that members of the legislature arrested on 1st April 1966 under Section 151 of the Criminal Procedure Code, all the five members referred to therein, were released by the Police, this day *i.e.*, on 2nd April 1966 at 6 A.M. In the light of this, the letter addressed by Sri S. M. Krishna drawing the attention of the House to the other fact which I stated on the other day, becomes practically infructuous. The arrest is over and therefore there is no other motion before me. I pass on to the next item.

Sri B. P. KADAM (Karwar).—Sir, I have just carefully noted.....

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Member can meet me at 3 O'clock. I do not know what prevented the Hon'ble Member from meeting me earlier. I would have willingly heard him before 1 P. M. I must first understand what he wants to say. The hon'ble member knows the rules

which say that matters not before the House, should not be raised immediately. He may kindly mention to me before I come to the dias. In fact I was ready and available. Even now I am saying that he can meet me at 3 O'clock and not even tomorrow. If I am satisfied I will allow him to raise it even at 3-30 P. M.

STATEMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER

re: **Free Water Supply to Citizens of Bangalore.**

Sri S. SIVAPPA (Shravanabelagola).—Sir, you were pleased to direct the State Government to make a statement regarding free water supply in Bangalore City which has caused so much anxiety. Now the Hon'ble Chief Minister is present. I hope he will make a statement satisfying all the demands put forth by the citizens.

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—Sir, I was just getting up to ask your permission to make a statement.

With a view to restoring the concession of free allowance of water which was admissable prior to 1st March 1965 both the City of Bangalore Municipal Corporation Act 1949 and the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Act, 1964 have been suitably amended in the City of Bangalore Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Act 1966 which received the assent of the Governor on the 28th March 1966. According to this amendment, which has been inserted as Section 149-A of the Corporation Act, the Corporation can make such contribution to the Bangalore Water Supply Board for supply of water for the benefit of such classes of inhabitants of the city in accordance with such arrangement as the Corporation may enter into with the Board. In pursuance of this provision, negotiations are going on between the Corporation and the Board, to arrive at a reasonable arrangement which could ensure the restoration of the facility of free allowance of water which the residents of Bangalore were hitherto enjoying. I may add that these negotations are going on and I expect within two weeks the entire matter will be settled.

STATEMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER.

re: **the Scarcity of Kerosene and diesel oil in Dharwar District.**

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—If I am permitted, I would like to make another statement regarding the kerosene and diesel oil.